Ayes.

1	Mr. K. G. Nayar	5	Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan
2	,, K. M. Ibrahim	6	,, K. Mohamed Seethi
3	,, P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri	7	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar
4	,, T. K. Nayar		

Noes.

1	Mr. K. Achyuta Menon	15	Mr. C. A. Ouseph
2	,, C. Barton Wight	16	,, Paul Mampilli
3	,, M. P. Cherian	17	Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao
4	,, George Chakramuri	18	Mr. M. K. Raman
5	,, E. Ikkanda Warriar	19	,, P. Raman Menon
6	,, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri	20	Rama Varmha Tampuran
7	,, Joseph Pettah	21	Mr. P. V. Raphael
8	,, S. S. Koder	22	,, A. Sankara Poduval
9	,, M. Krishna Menon	23	,, P. V. Subramania Ayyar
10	,, P. Krishna Menon	24	Mrs. Swaris
11	,, C. J. Mathew	25	Mr. Thomas Manjuran
12	,, I. N. Menon	26	,, K. P. Vallon
13	,, T. Narayana Menon	27	,, P. C. Varkey
14	,, P. Nilakanta Menon		

Neutrals.

1	Mr. K. Ayyappan	4	Mr. K. T. Mathew
2	,, M. A. Chakko	5	Dr. K. Sankara Menon
3	Dr. A. G. Menon		

Prevention of Food Adulteration Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I move that the Cochin Prevention of Food Adulteration Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—This amendment is intended only to empower Government with a weapon to provide against Panchayat Presidents shirking their duties. Some Panchayat Presidents have been absenting themselves from their panchayats after delegating their power to a member of the panchayat. That is not a desirable thing. Unfortunately in the present state of law, so long as the Panchayat Presidents entrust their duties, under section 10 of the Regulation, to another member of the panchayat he cannot be removed from office. This new provision empowers Government to remove Presidents who absent themselves from their duties continuously for more than a month. I hope the House will appreciate the necessity of such a measure in the interests of the efficiency of panchayat administration. I therefore request that this Bill may be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the bill is 'the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill'.

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